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SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY ON SKYLAB/ VANGUARD ARRANGEMENT

1. A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES, ANTONIO PEREIRA, HAS INTRODUCED A DRAFT BILL REQUESTING THAT THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF THE GOVERNMENT OF ARGENTINA PROVIDE THE CONGRESS WITH INFORMATION CONCERNING THE ARRANGEMENTS UNDER WHICH THE USNS VANGUARD IS STATIONED IN THE PORT OF MAR DEL PLATA FOR SKYLAB TRACKING. THE REQUEST GOES INTO CONSIDERABLE DETAIL, ASKING FOR INFORMATION ON THE ARRANGEMENTS WITH ENTEL,

THE NATURE OF THE SHIP'S COMMUNICATIONS VIA QUOTE DIRECT LINES TO THE EMBASSY IN BUENOS AIRES UNQUOTE, AND THE EXTENT OF PARTICIPATION OF ARGENTINE SCIENTISTS AND TECHNICIANS. THE DEPUTY HAS ALSO REQUESTED INFORMATION ON ERTS- A AND THE EARTH RESOURCES DATA PROGRAM, INCLUDING THE INFORMATION WHICH ARGENTINA IS RECEIVING OR WILL RECEIVE FROM THIS PROGRAM.

2. THE EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT INQUIRY ARISES FROM PERSONAL INITIATIVE OF PEREIRA RATHER THAN OFFICIALLY INSPIRED MOVE TO INVESTIGATE VANGUARD. WILL REPORT FURTHER DETAILS WHEN AVAILABLE.
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